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SUBJECT: KUWAITI MILITARY RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS
AND EGYPT: DEF MIN QUOTED

1. KUWAITI DAILY AL ANBA OF AUG. 9 REPORTS KUWAITI INT
MIN/DEF MIN, SHEIKH SA'AD AL-ABDULLAH AS RESPONDING TO A
REPORTER'S QUESTION BY SAYING THAT "KUWAIT DOES NOT
INTEND TO CONCLUDE ANY MILITARY AGREEMENT OR ARMS PURCHASE
TRANSACTION WITH THE SOVIET UNION AT THE PRESENT TIME.
THE CONTRACTS SIGNED BY KUWAIT FULFILL NATIONAL
DEFENSE OBJECTIVES AND PLANS FOR BUILDING THE ARMED
FORCES..." THE AUG. 6 EDITION OF AN-NAHAR ARAB AND
INTERNATIONAL (PUBLISHED IN PARIS) QUOTES SHEIKH SA'AD IN
AN INTERVIEW AS RESPONDING TO REPORTER'S QUESTION (WHETHER
KUWAIT WILL ASK FOR "SOVIET EXPERTS" IN CONNECTION WITH
SOVIET ARMS PURCHASED) BY SAYING: "WE ACT ACCORDING TO
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OUR NEEDS." THE SAME INTERVIEW HAS SHEIKH SA'AD DENYING
THAT ANY OF THE SOVIET WEAPONS PURCHASED BY KUWAIT HAD BEEN
DELIVERED TO EGYPT. ON THE QUESTION OF THE LOCALE FOR
TRAINING KUWAITIS TO OPERATE THESE WEAPONS, SHEIKH SA'AD
REPORTEDLY SAID: "WE ARE CONTINUALLY SENDING OUR OFFICERS
TO BROTHER AND FRIENDLY COUNTRIES TO TRAIN ON THE NEW
WEAPONS."

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2. THE AL-ANBA ARTICLE ALSO QUOTED THE KUWAITI INT MIN/
DEF MIN AS SAYING THAT KUWAIT IS CAREFULLY STUDYING
PARTICIPATION IN THE ARAB MILITARY INDUSTRIALIZATION
ORGANIZATION (SIC) LOCATED IN EGYPT.

3. COMMENT: IT IS PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE THAT KUWAIT
PURCHASED SA-7 AND LUNA MISSILES FROM THE SOVIETS THIS
YEAR, BUT REPORTS HAVE VARIED REGARDING THE LIKELIHOOD OF
SOVIET MILITARY OR TECHNICAL PERSONNEL COMING TO KUWAIT
IN CONNECTION WITH THESE PURCHASES. WHILE SHEIKH SA'AD'S
COMMENTS SHED NO LIGHT ON THIS QUESTION, THEY DO SEEM TO
INDICATE THAT NO FURTHER PURCHASES ARE CONTEMPLATED
AT PRESENT.
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